

MEMO

TO: Energy and Environment Committee
FROM: Daniel Griset, Senior Planner, (213) 236-1895, griset@scag.ca.gov
DATE: August 5, 2004
SUBJECT: Salton Sea Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information item.

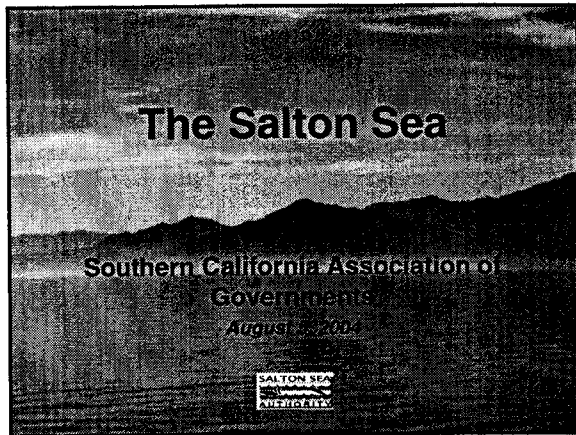
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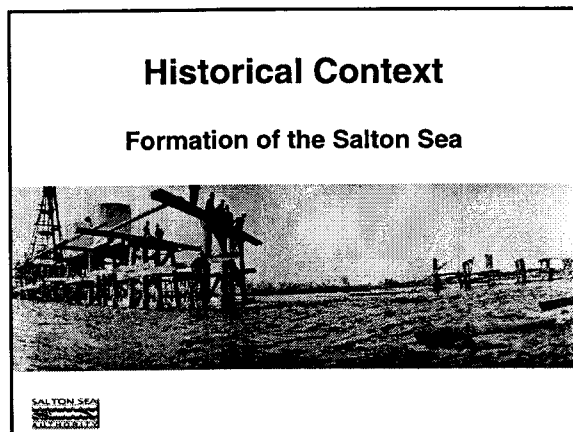
Hon. Marion Ashley, Riverside County Supervisor and Director of the Salton Sea Authority, will brief the Committee on a recent study and planning activities of the Authority, an agency created to lead reclamation efforts for the Sea. Recent efforts have included a study on the feasibility of constructing a causeway across the width of the Sea to divide the Sea into separate salinity management zones. The Authority has also considered the use of redevelopment financing strategies that could be used to fund future reclamation efforts.

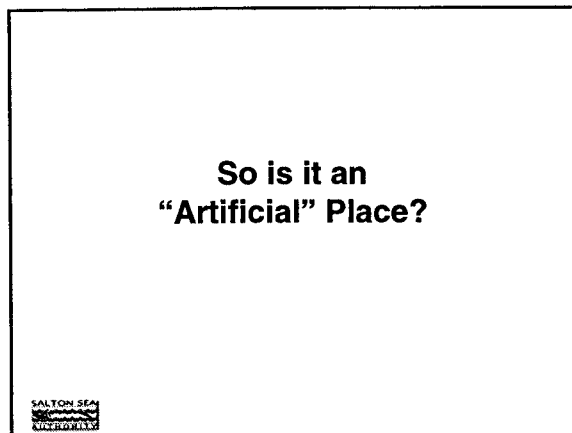
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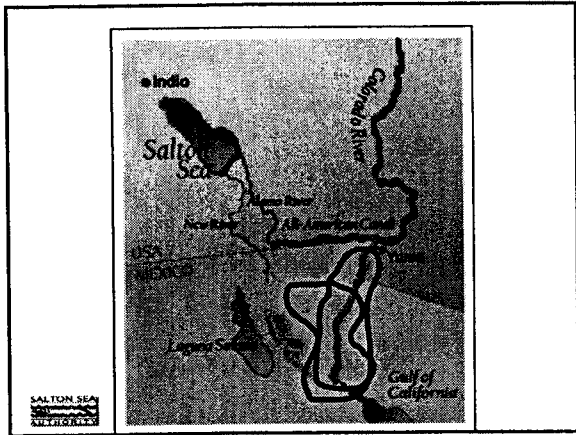
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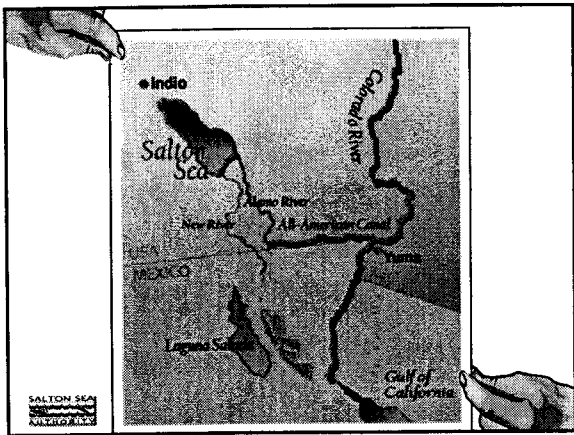


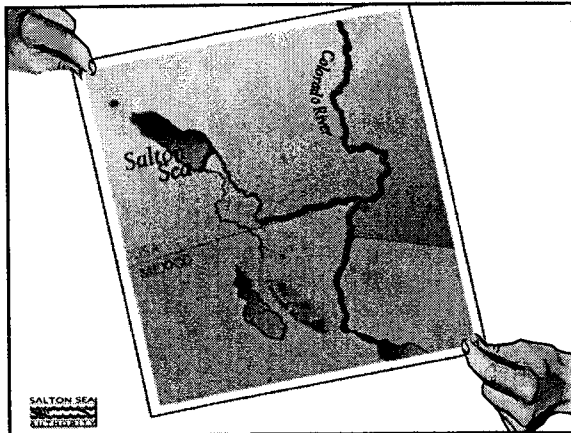


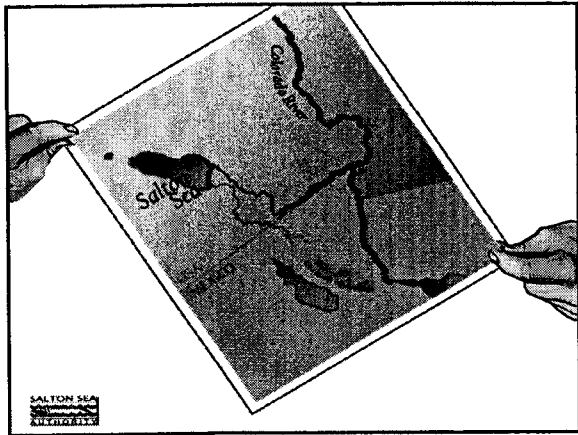


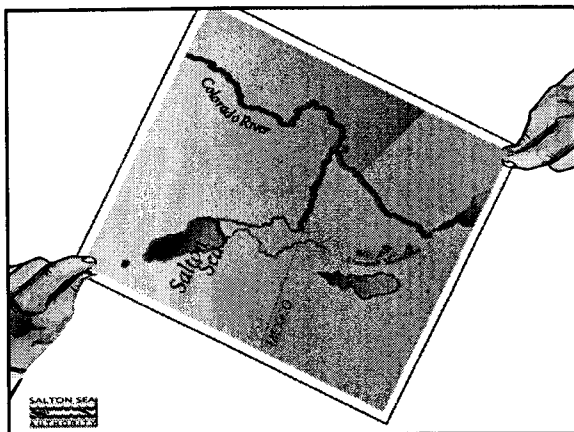


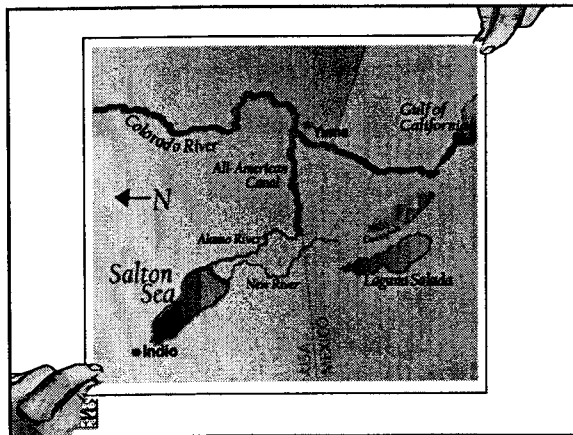


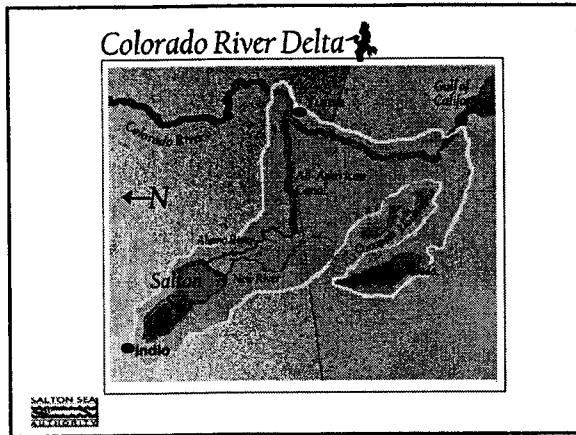


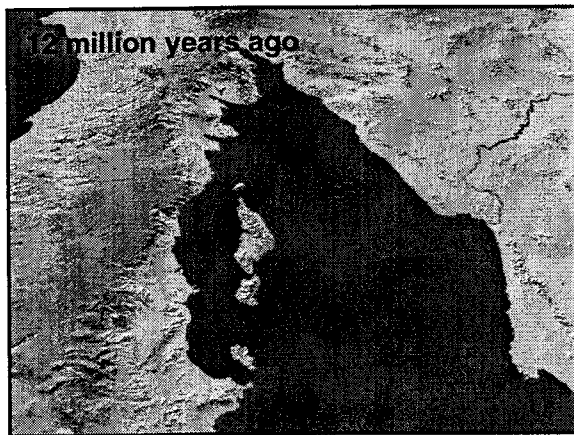


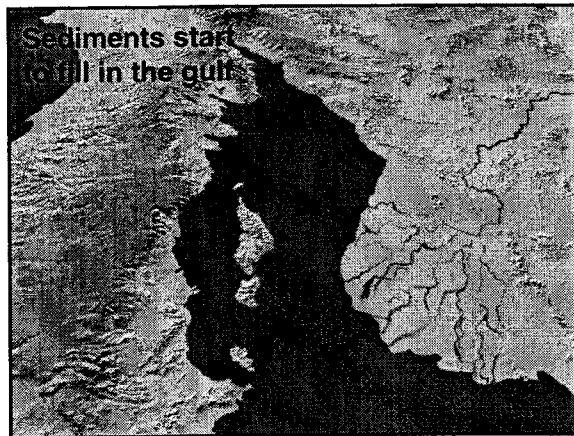


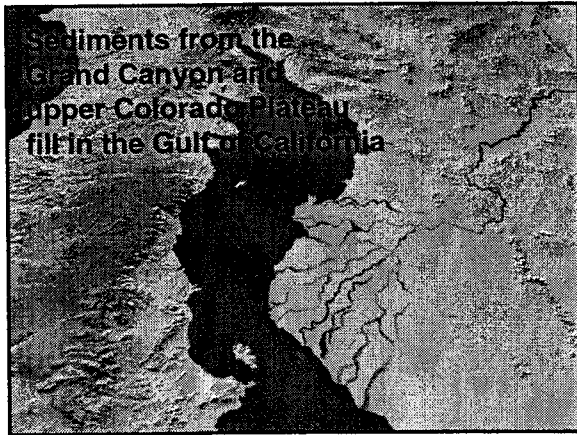


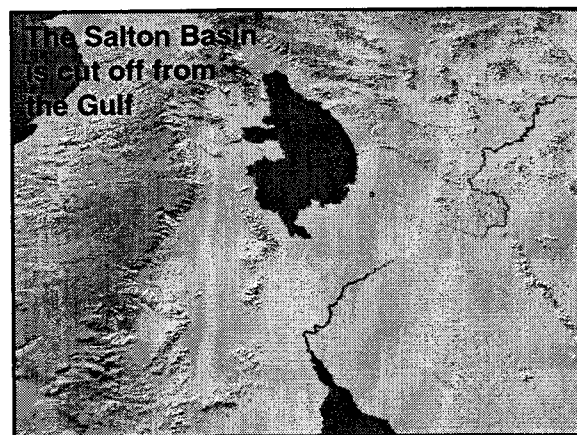


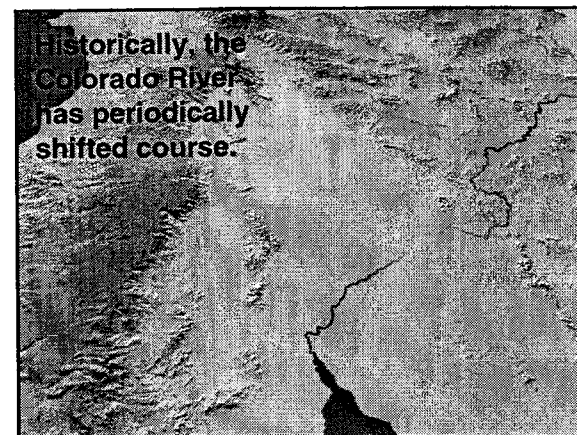


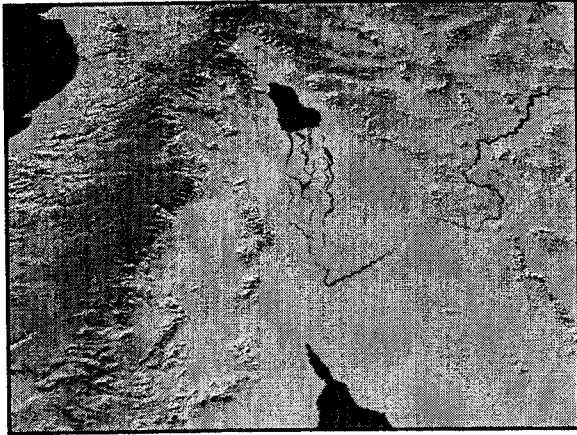


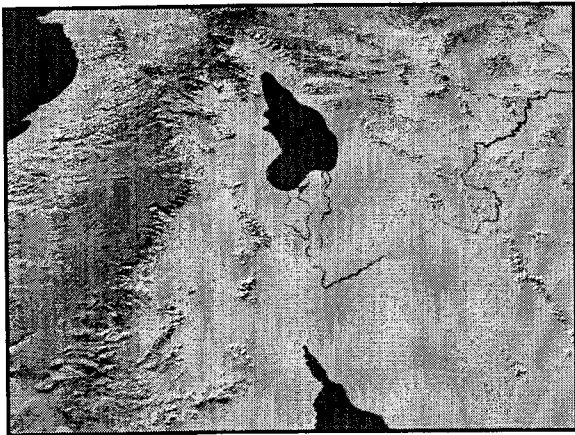


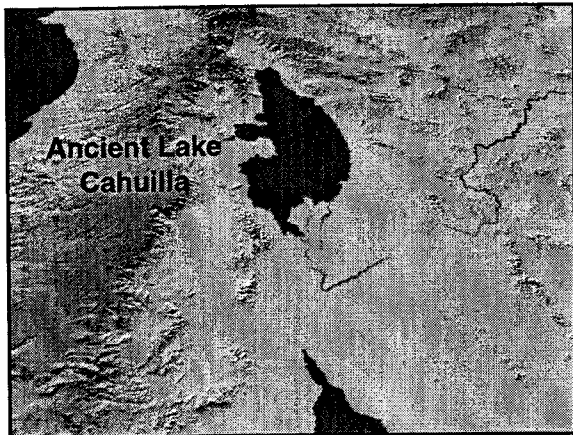


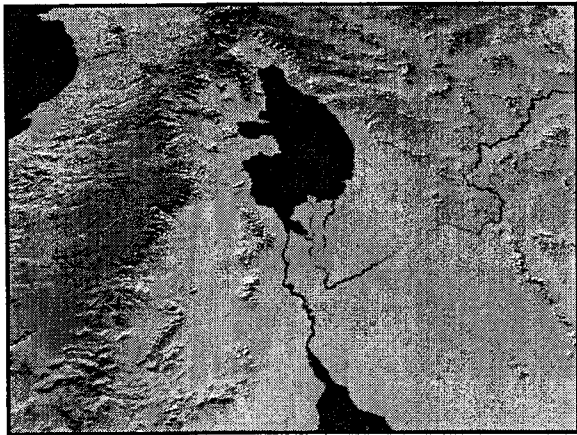


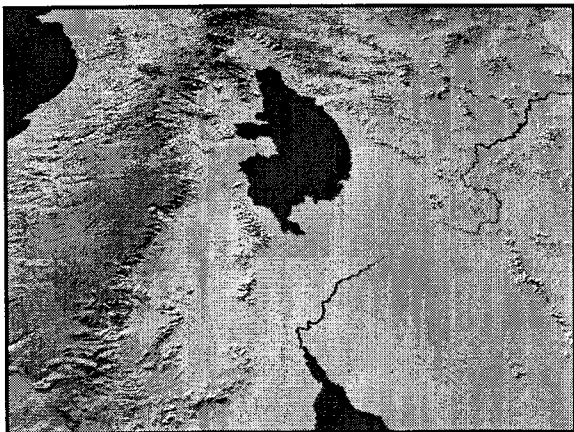


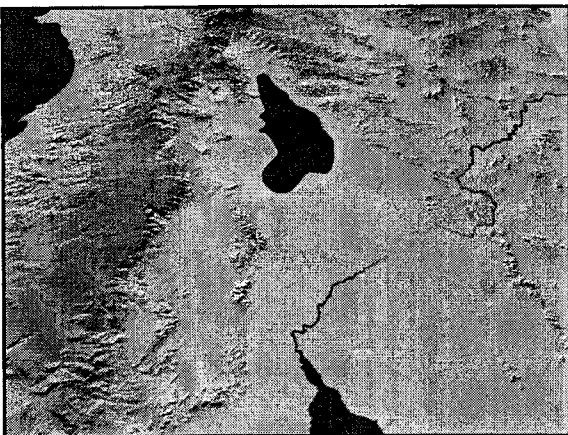


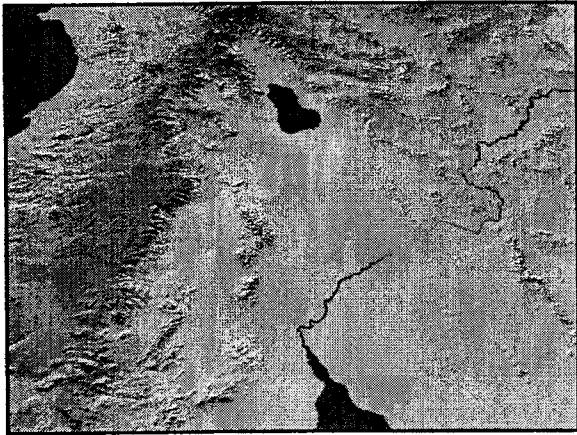


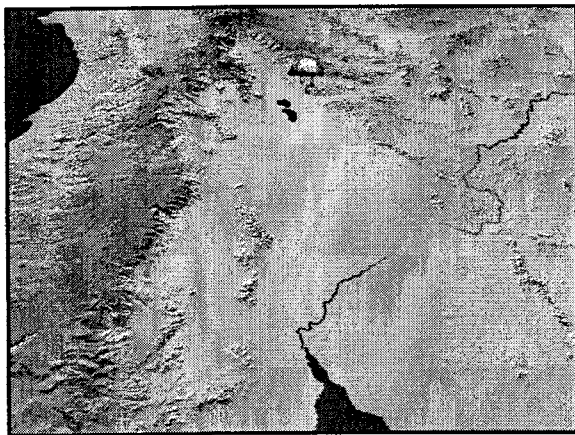


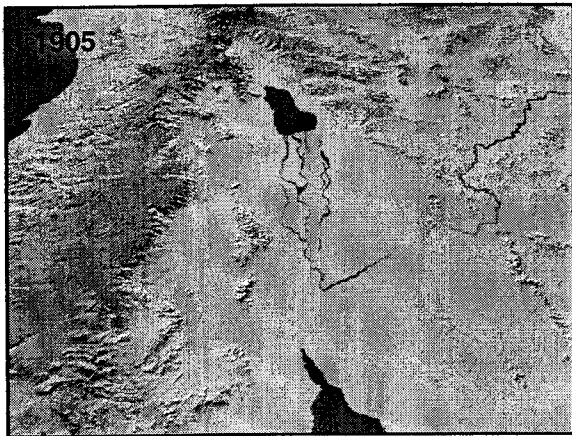


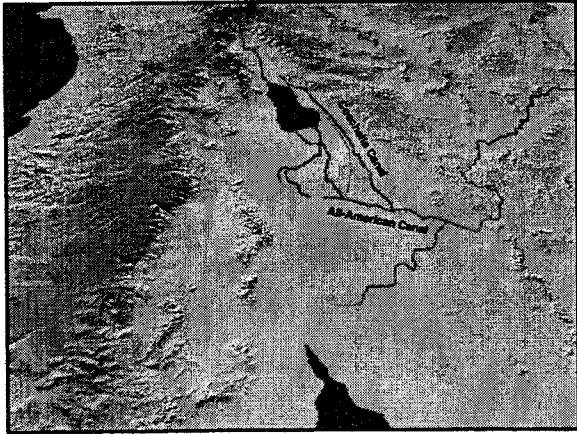










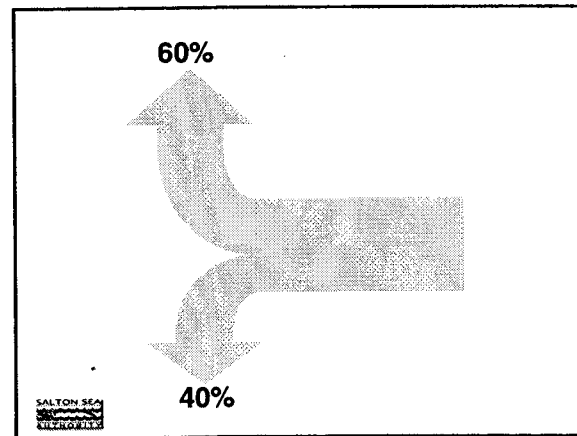




Yeah, But “Ancient History”...


**Past 2000 Years,
Archaeological
Records Show**






Outline

- **Why Care?**
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- **Latest Plans/Developments**
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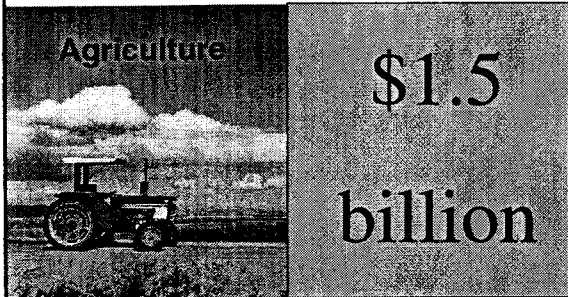


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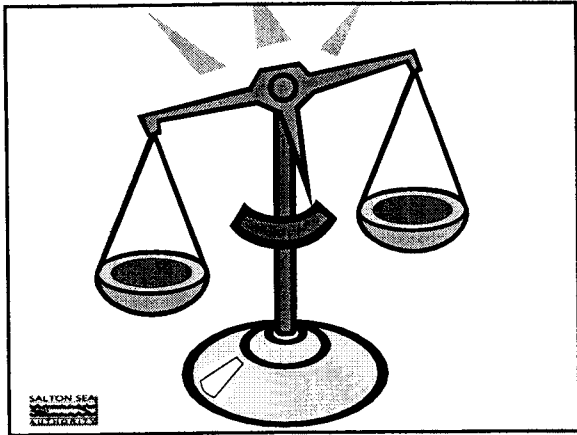


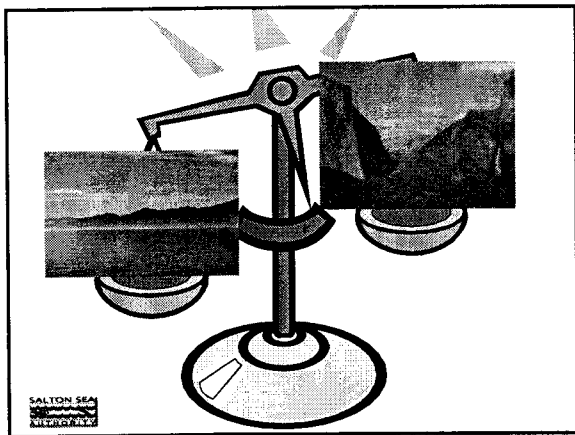
• Economic Factors



• Visitation







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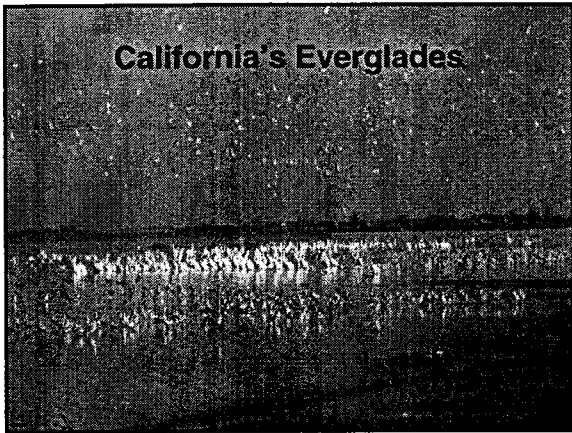
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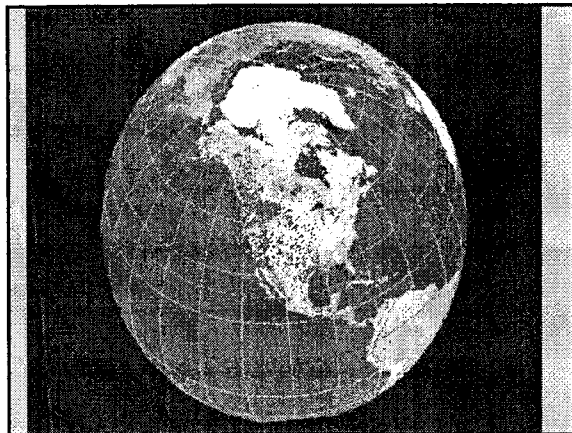
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California's Everglades





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The Do-Nothing Future

- **Sea Becomes Salty... So What?**



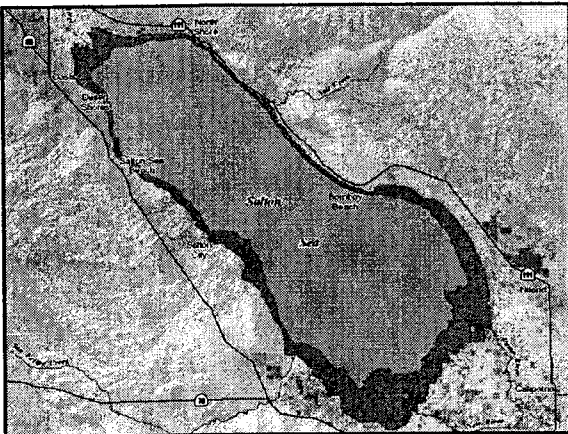
Not Just Poor Water Quality

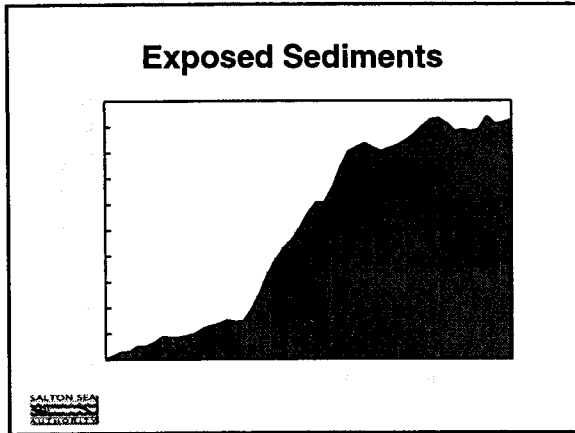


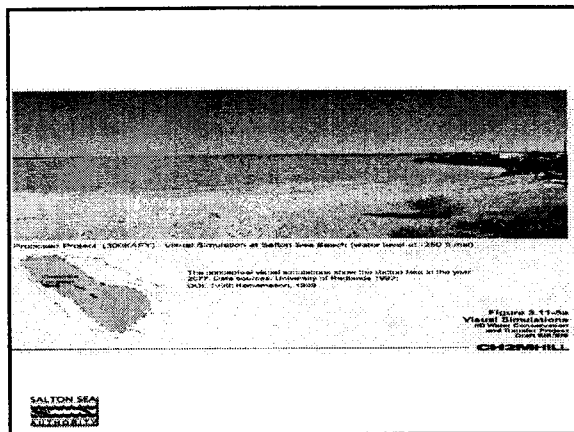
Less Water Supply Too

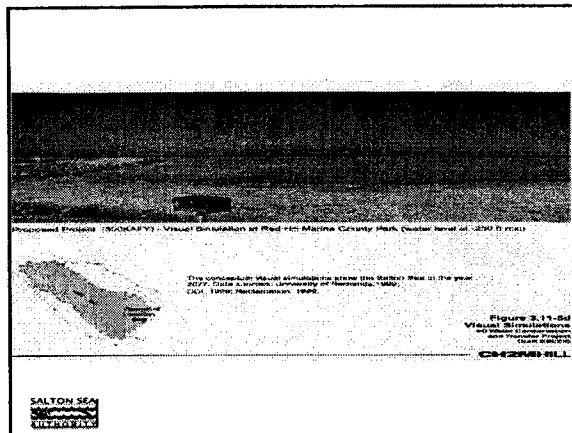
■ Water Transfers

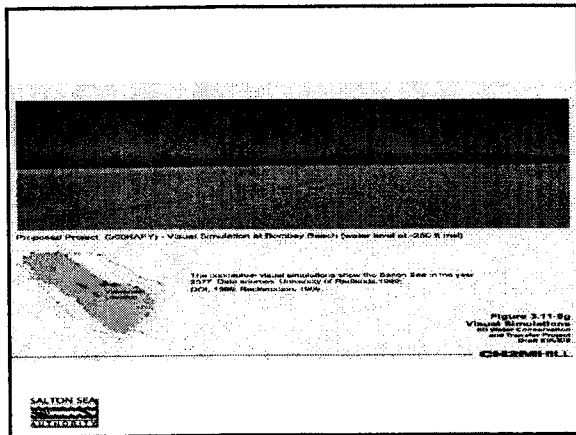
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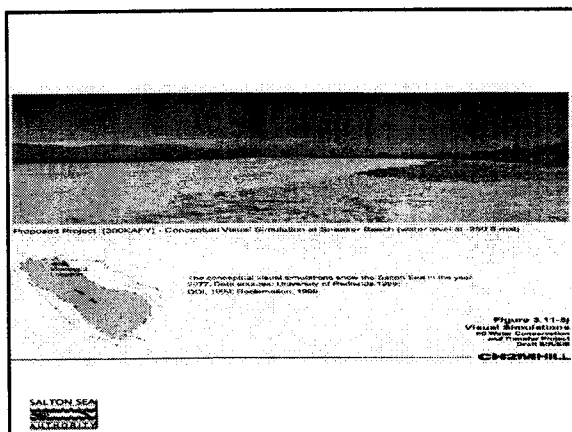


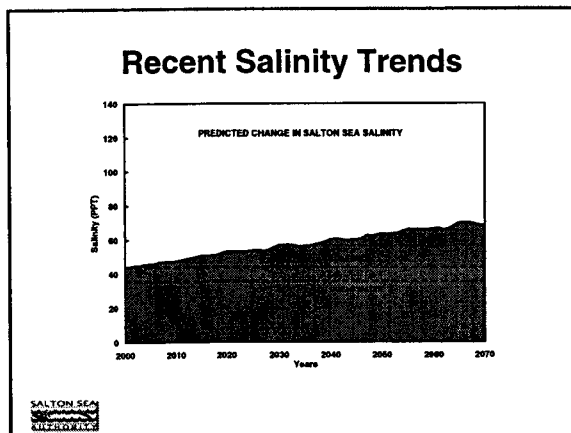




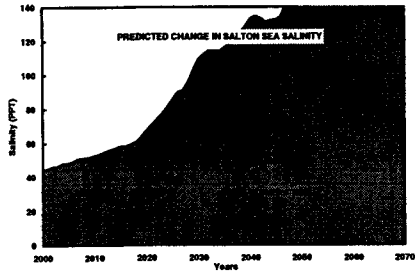








Reduced Inflow/Rising Salinity



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SALINITY
2000-2070

Impacts

- Biological
 - Speeding decline
- Air Quality
 - PM 10
 - Odors

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Air Quality

- PM10

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Owen's Lake

- Greatest Source of PM10 in Nation
- Well Above Any/All Standards
- Salt 20% to 50% of PM10
 - And Leads to Other Particle Emissions



Owen's Lake

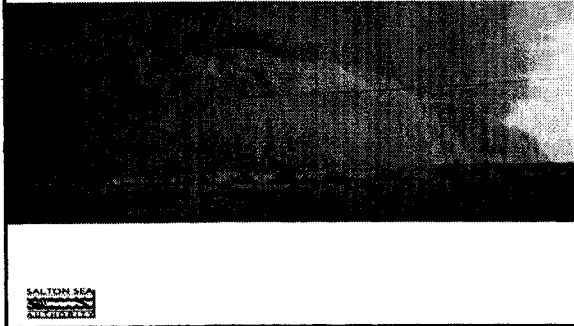
- But Salton Sea not Owens Lake...



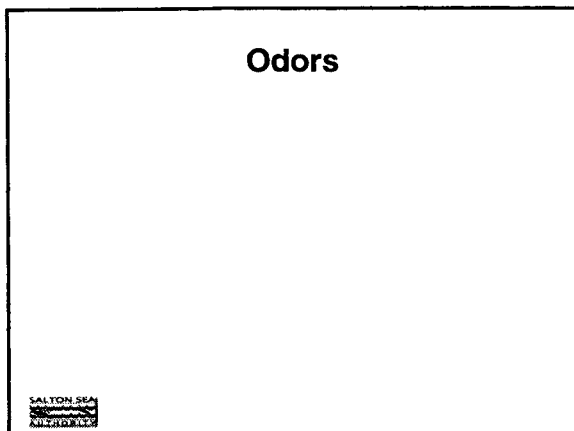
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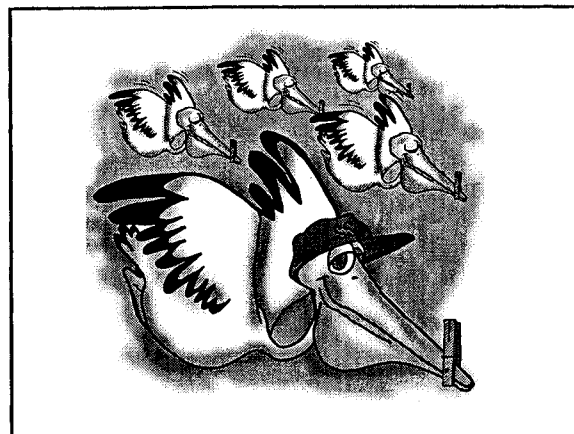


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Odors







Why Have Odors Worsened?



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How to Restore?

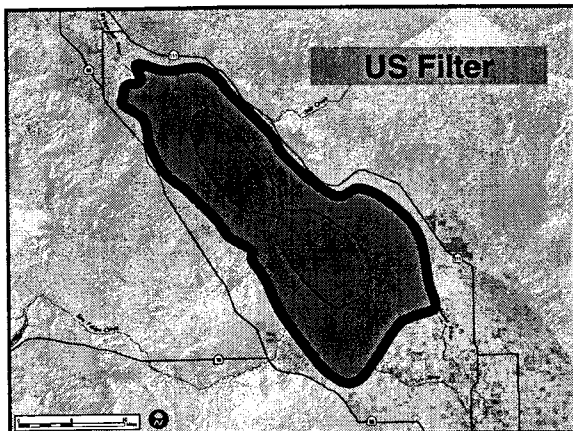
- **Many Reached the Same Conclusion:**

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How to Restore?

- Make Sea Smaller

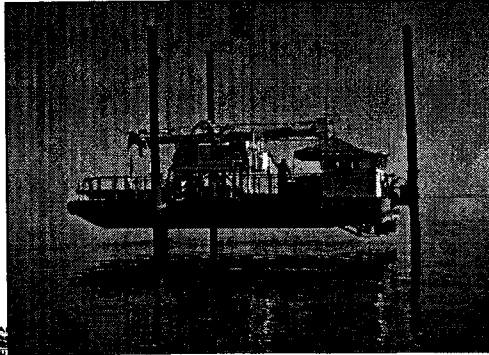
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**Biggest Technical Challenge:
How to Build Dikes in Tough
Conditions**

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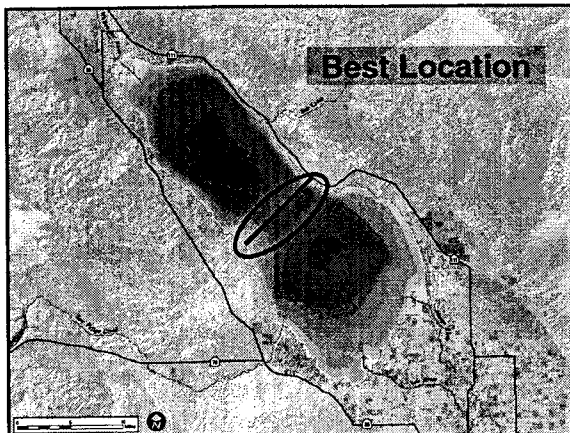
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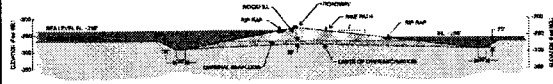
Latest Engineering...

- Yes, Soft Material
- But, Done It Before
 - Great Salt Lake
 - Pacific Rim Marine

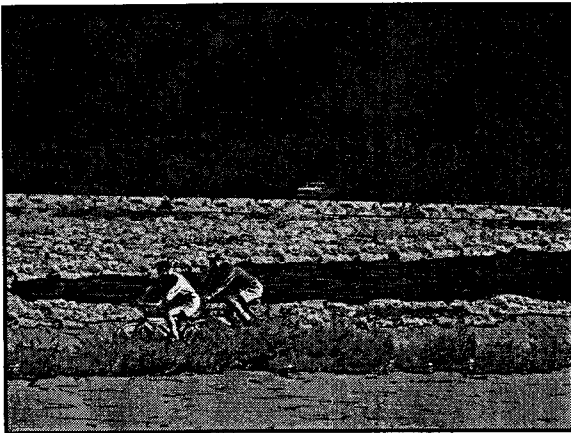
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Rockfill Concept

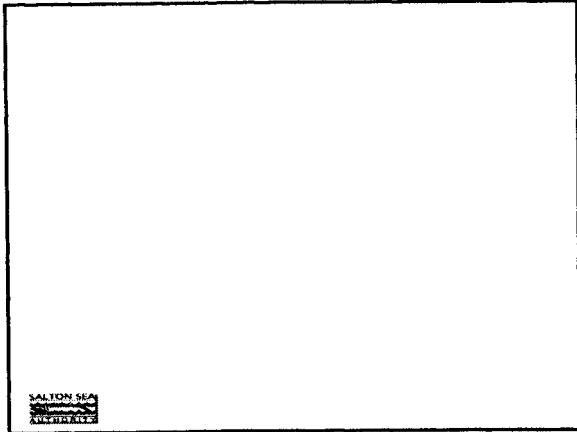


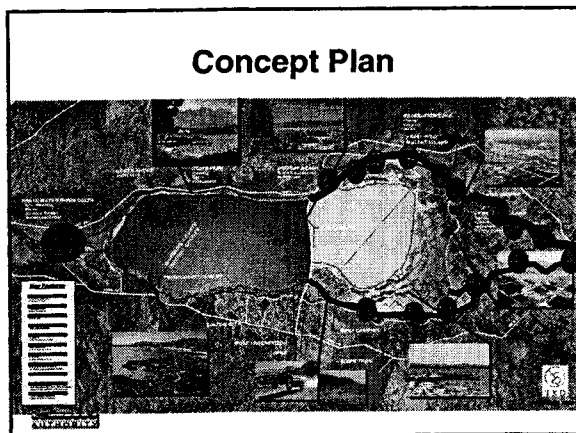
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The Concept

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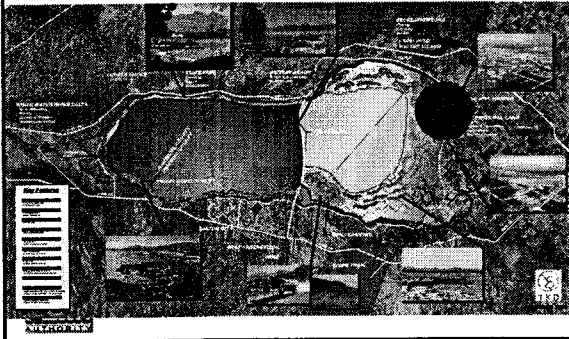


Fresh Water Wetlands

■ 2000-4000 Acres Along Rivers

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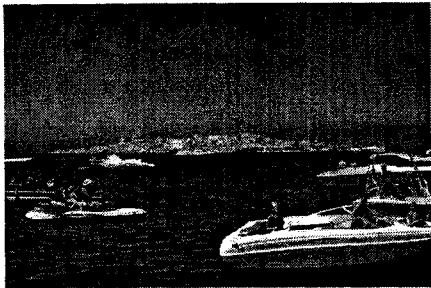
Recreation Lake



Lake Red Hill



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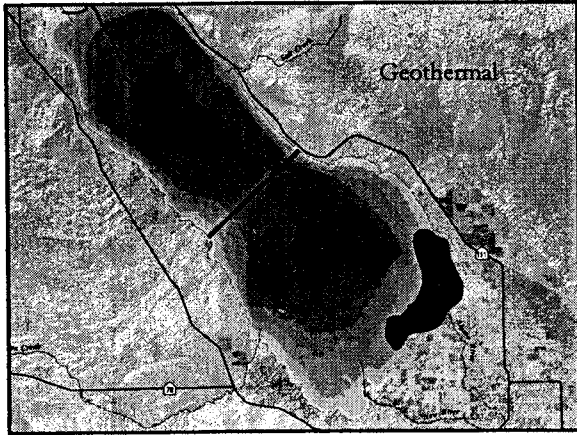
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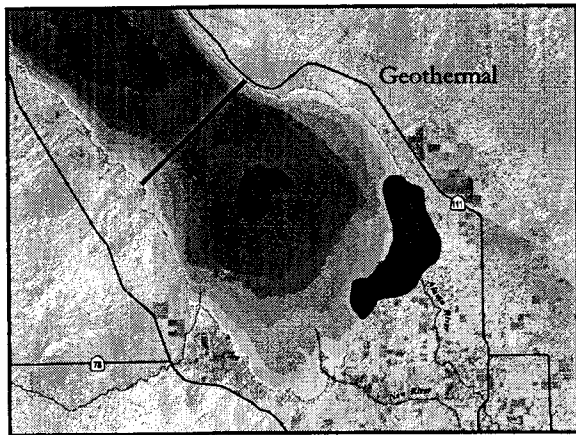
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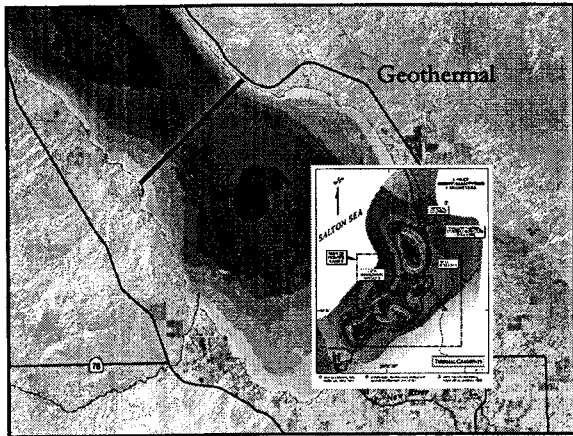
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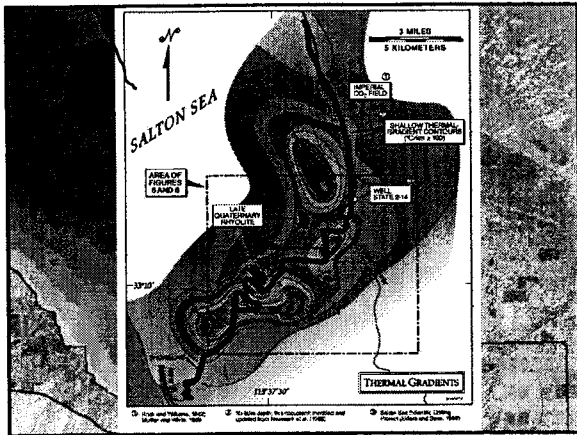
- 1400 MW “Underwater”

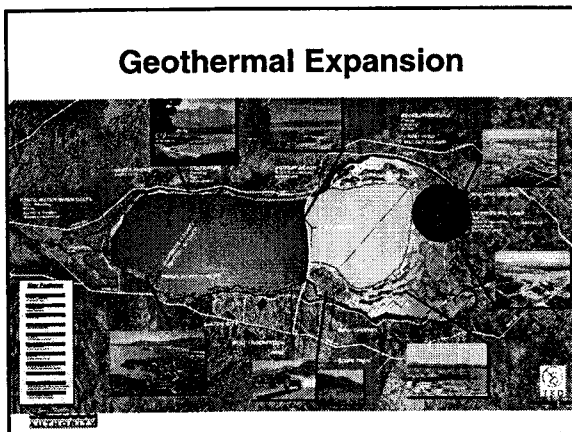
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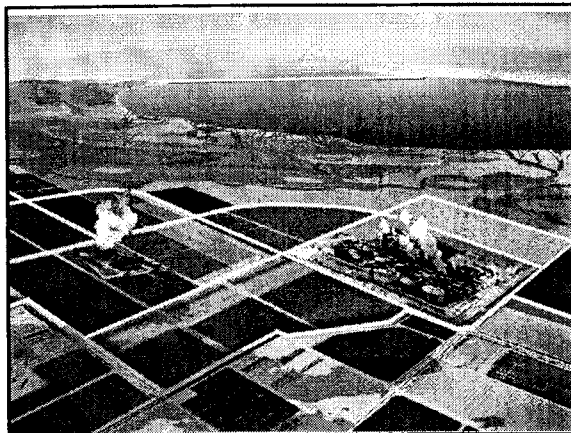








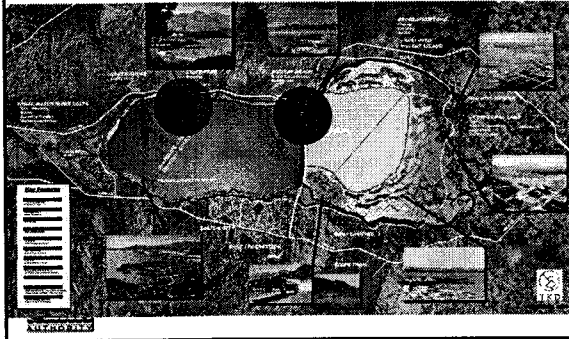


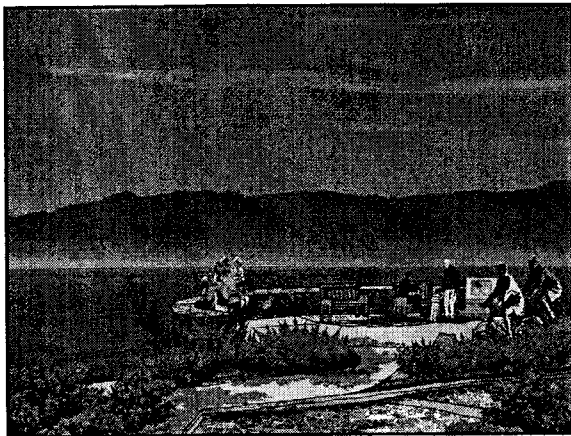


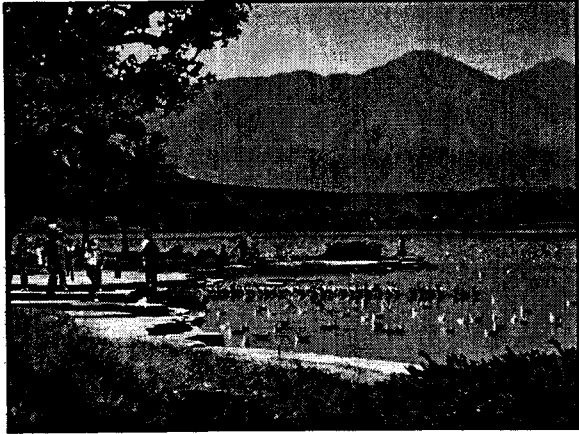
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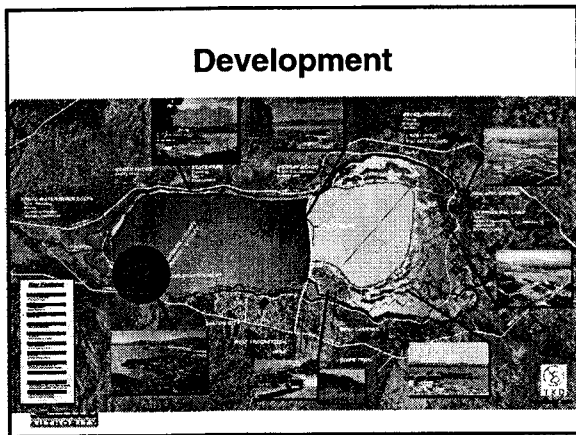
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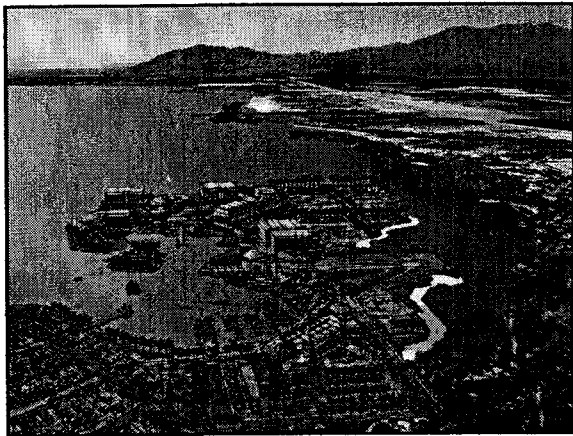
Park Views



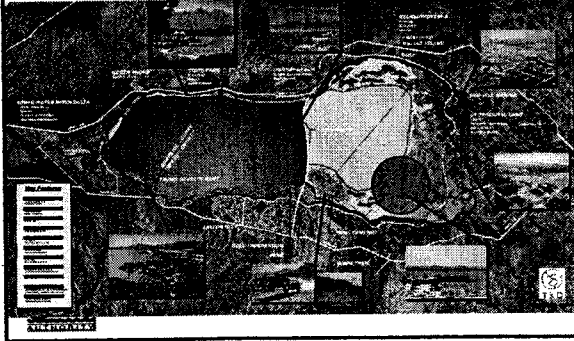


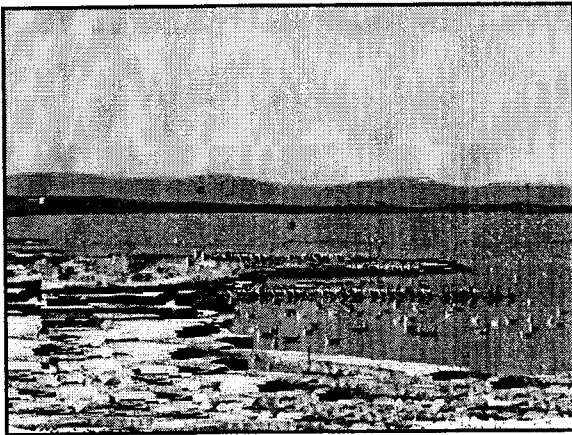






Shallow Wetlands

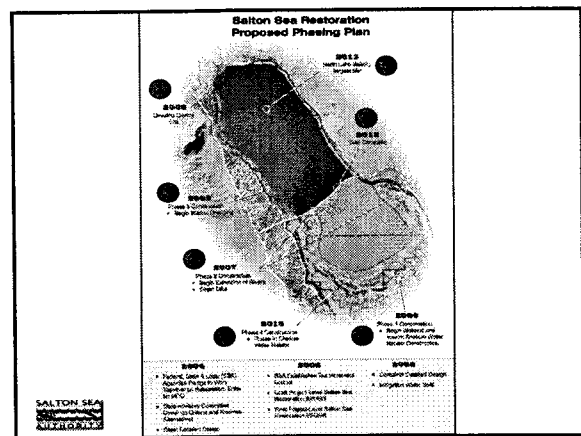




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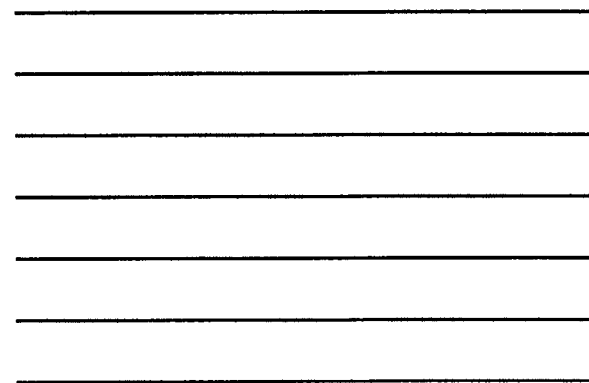
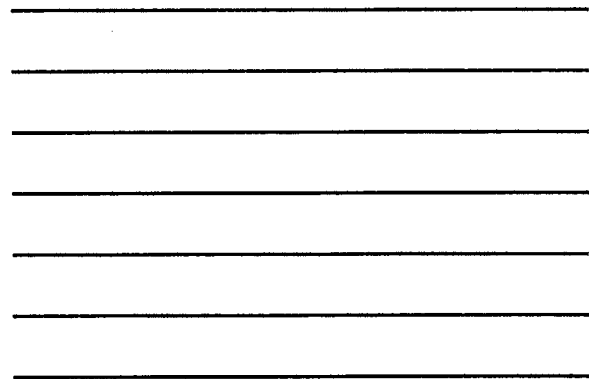


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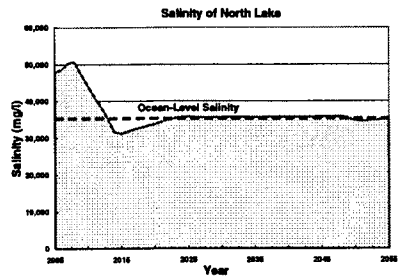


PERFORMANCE

- SALINITY TARGETS MET W/I 10 YEARS!!

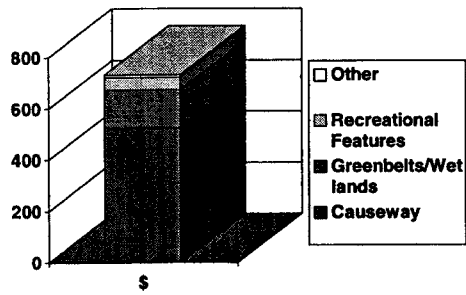
The logo for the Salton Sea, featuring the text "SALTON SEA" above a stylized graphic of the sea and the word "ORGANIC" below it.

Target Salinity



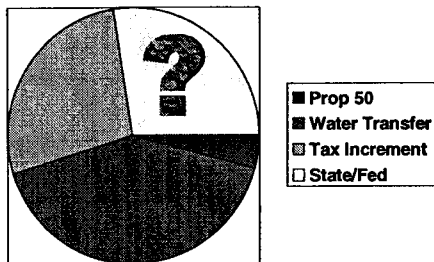
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Cost



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Momentum

- Local community-smaller, better, Sea
- Environmental community
- Water Transfer Commitments/State Legislation
- NY Times, LA Times, others



Great Momentum, Equal Uncertainty

- 2006 for a "Study" by State



What Next?

- SSA Board Endorsed Concept
- MOU Between Feds, State, Local
 - Align Goals
 - Work Together
- Working on Regional Consensus
- Opportunity for Local Financing
 - Tax Increment